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10. [] John Marks, on the staff of Senator Clifford P. Case, called to say that he had discussed with the Senator the Director's letter of 16 November (confirming our willingness to brief the Senator privately on certain matters, but not members of his staff). Marks said the Senator found this response "unacceptable" and he was about to call State Department to so inform them. (One of the Senator's questions involved had originally been levied on the State Department, which referred it to the Agency.) He said he had hoped they could handle the matter quietly, but apparently this might not be possible. I thanked Marks for his call.

Called Harry Symmes, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, and told him of Mark's call. I reminded him that I had informed Carl Marcy, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, of the matter, and had also obtained the approval of Senator Stennis for the action we had taken.

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12. [] Talked to Mr. Arthur Kuhl, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, who told me that Mr. Robert A. Blum has received a TS clearance from DOD by letter from Rady Johnson, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), dated 8 November 1971. Miss Susan Grace Scales McMahon, Mr. Kuhl's assistant, was granted a TS clearance by DOD by letter from Rady Johnson dated 29 September 1971. Mr. Kuhl noted, in passing, that Mr. Blum is doing research for the Committee relating to the "Pentagon Papers." Although the research is scheduled to cover many years of Committee testimony, Mr. Kuhl is not familiar with the status of this project.

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